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Leesburg Man Sentenced for Role in Procurement Fraud Scheme Affecting over \$33 Million in Federal Contracts

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Anthony R. Bilby, 40, of Leesburg, Va., was sentenced today to 16 months in prison, followed by two years of supervised release, for conspiracy to commit wire fraud and major government fraud. Bilby also was ordered to forfeit \$1,065,103.90, representing his personal proceeds from the conspiracy.

Dana J. Boente, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Carlton Mann, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Inspector General; Brian D. Miller, General Services Administration (GSA) Inspector General; Peggy E. Gustafson, Small Business Administration (SBA) Inspector General; and Richard J. Griffin, Acting Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Judge Anthony J. Trenga.

Bilby pleaded guilty on December 2, 2013. According to court documents, from April 2007 through November 2012, while Bilby was employed by two service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, he participated in a conspiracy to obtain government contracts through fraud and misrepresentation. During this time period, Bilby caused employees at a nominal competitor to submit inflated bids on the same procurements for which Bilby submitted bids on behalf of his employers. Bilby also gained improper access to the procurement process through co-conspirators working within the government. These co-conspirators provided Bilby and others with internal government cost estimates, so that Bilby knew how much the government was willing to pay before he drafted his and his competitor's bids. Bilby also drafted portions of internal procurement documents in a manner that increased his odds of winning contracts without facing actual competition.

One of Bilby's employers, with Bilby's knowledge and assent, agreed to pay ten percent of its profits on a contract worth more than \$24 million to co-conspirators within the government. These co-conspirators, in turn, provided Bilby and his employer with improper

access to documents and a competitive advantage in obtaining the contract. In total, the conduct of Bilby and others resulted in the award of more than \$33 million in federal contracts through fraudulent procurement practices.

This case was investigated by the Offices of the Inspector General for DHS, GSA, SBA, and the VA, with assistance from DHS's Office of the Chief Security Officer, Cyber Forensic Branch. Assistant United States Attorney Kosta S. Stojilkovic is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.justice.gov/usao/vae>. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov> or on <https://pcl.uscourts.gov>.

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